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By: Senators Stone and Klausmeier
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A BILL ENTITLED

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- 3 FOR the purpose of amending Chapter 389 of the Acts of 1984 to require that the
- 4 County Executive and County Council of Baltimore County encumber or expend
- 5 the loan proceeds by June 1, 2005; and making this Act an emergency measure.
- 6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 7 Chapter 389 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1984, as amended by
- 8 Chapter 138 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1985
- 9 Section 1
- 10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 11 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 12 Chapter 389 of the Acts of 1984, as amended by Chapter 138 of the Acts of 1985
- 14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 15 MARYLAND, That:
- 16 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on
- 17 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Redhouse
- 18 Run Stormwater Systems Loan of 1984 in the aggregate principal amount of
- 19 \$3,000,000. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance and sale of State general
- 20 obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued,
- 21 sold and delivered in accordance with the provisions of §§ 19 to 23 of Article 31 of the
- 22 Annotated Code of Maryland (1983 Replacement Volume, as amended from time to
- 23 time).
- 24 (2) The bonds issued to evidence this loan or installments thereof may be sold
- 25 as a single issue, or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds
- 26 under § 2B of Article 31 of the Code.
- 27 (3) The actual cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the
- 28 Treasurer and shall be first applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing and
- 29 delivering the bonds unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided and

- 1 thereafter shall be credited on the books of the State Comptroller and expended, upon
- 2 approval by the Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including
- 3 any applicable architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the County Executive and
- 4 County Council of Baltimore County for the purpose of the reconstruction,
- 5 rehabilitation, renovation, reequipping, restoration, and improvement of the
- 6 stormwater systems along Redhouse Run in Baltimore County.
- 7 (4) There is hereby levied and imposed an annual State tax on all assessable
- 8 property in the State in rate and amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest
- 9 on the bonds as and when due and until paid in full, such principal to be discharged
- 10 within fifteen years of the date of issue of the bonds.
- 11 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the
- 12 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the County Executive and County Council of
- 13 Baltimore County shall provide at least an equal and matching fund of \$3,000,000. No
- 14 part of an applicant's matching fund may be provided, either directly or indirectly,
- 15 from funds of the State, whether appropriated or unappropriated. No part of the fund
- 16 may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the
- 17 effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to what money or assets may
- 18 qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter, and
- 19 the Board's decision is final. The County Executive and County Council of Baltimore
- 20 County have until June 1, 1987, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of
- 21 Public Works that the matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is
- 22 presented, the Board shall certify this fact to the State Treasurer and the proceeds of
- 23 the loan shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. If this evidence is not
- 24 presented by June 1, 1987, the proceeds of the loan shall be applied to the purposes
- 25 authorized in Article 78A, § 3 of the Code.
- 26 (6) THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
- 27 MUST ENCUMBER OR EXPEND THE LOAN PROCEEDS BY JUNE 1, 2005.
- 28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an
- 29 emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health
- 30 or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the
- 31 members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take
- 32 effect from the date it is enacted.